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Mr. Stephen Nielson
Vice President, Minerals West, Inc.
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Monticello, Utah 84535

Re: Mi Vida Mine Project
San Juan County, Utah
ACT/037/029

Dear Mr. Nielson:

Thank you for submitting the aerial photo and maps for the Mi Vida Project. They have been most helpful and will most adequately show existing disturbances when operations cease.

The mining and reclamation plan submitted by Minerals West does not include a revegetation seed mixture or rate. This information must be provided prior to mine plan approval. Minerals West may formulate a revegetation plan that meets the requirements of Rule M-10(12) of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act or you may commit to using the suggested plan listed below.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Application Rate</u>
Crested wheatgrass (<i>Agropyron cristatum</i>)	6 pounds/acre
Russian wildrye (<i>Elymus junceus</i>)	2 pounds/acre
Yellow sweetclover (<i>Melilotus Officinalis</i>)	4 pounds/acre
Indian ricegrass (<i>Oryzopsis hymenoides</i>)	1 pound/acre
Antelope bitterbrush (<i>Purshia tridentata</i>)	1 pound/acre

Item 11(f) of the mining and reclamation plan (Form MR 2) states that the Operator will reseed the short roadway and the top of the dump area. The Division requirements are that all on-site roads built by the Operator or pre-existing roads utilized by the Operator not in continuing approved use must be reclaimed. In addition, slopes of dumps must also be seeded.

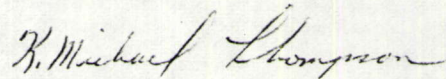
Responsibility for reclamation of facilities owned by Atlas Minerals and utilized by Minerals West will rest with Minerals West unless an agreement is made with Atlas Minerals, Minerals West, and the Division. The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act holds the Operator responsible for reclamation; however, if Atlas Minerals wishes that the facilities remain open they may assume the responsibility for reclamation.

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In summary, when the Division receives a revegetation plan from Minerals West the plan will satisfy the requirements of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act and tentative approval can be issued. At that time a condensed version of the plan will be published in the local and Salt Lake City newspapers, and a reclamation surety will be estimated by the Division. If no adverse public comment is received within thirty days, final approval can be issued upon receipt of the surety.

If you have any questions please feel free to call. Thank you for your continuing cooperation.

Sincerely,



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